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1. APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE CAN DEFINITELY BE ARRANGED IF SENIOR STAFF OFFICIAL MAKES SEPTEMBER VISIT. WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK WITH RON GAVDREAU EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND IN PHILADELPHIA WITH JOHN REICHARD DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION FOR THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE THERE. DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT AND OF NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

2. AS INDICATED IN A-5341, THE RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES IS EXTENSIVE, AND THERE IS NO SINGLE NATIONAL PROJECT ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REVIEW LIST IN A-5341 OF 11 KINDS OF ACTIVITIES, AND ALSO TOWERY TO PETTUS LETTER OF JUNE 29.

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3. ALTHOUGH MUCH SPECIFIC PLANNING REMAINS TO BE DONE, THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE PROVISIONS FOR TOURING EXHIBITS OR PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS. THE HORIZONS THEME, ALTHOUGH PRESENTLY LEAST DEVELOPED, HAS GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR

CONSTRUCTIVE, FORWARD-LOOKING COOPERATIVE PROJECTS.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS HAD USEFUL EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UK AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS AMONG OTHERS AND WILL WELCOME DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE. SIMILARLY, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA AND VARIOUS OTHER MAJOR CITIES ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE FOREIGN PARTICIPATION AND ARE ENDEAVORING TO SPEED THEIR PLANNING.

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